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CHAPTER XXX.

THE COCO-MARICOPA AND THE PIMO INDIANS.

Visit from the Coco-Maricopa Indians—Camp removed to the banks of the Gila—The river dry—No grass—War party—Return to our first camp—Traffic with these Indians—Further accounts of the Oatman family—Francisco the Maricopa interpreter—Feeding the tribe—Visit from the Pimos—Religious notions of these tribes—Their manners and customs—Agriculture—Art of spinning and weaving—Manufactures of cotton—Pottery—Basket-work—Dress—Their attempts at collecting zoological specimens—Villages—Houses and mode of building—Storehouses—Horses and cattle.

In the afternoon our camp was filled with the Coco-Maricopa Indians, who had discovered us from some of their look-outs. They all manifested a friendly disposition, and seemed very glad to meet among us so many of their old acquaintances, several of the party having spent some days among them while engaged in surveying the river. The most active and important man among them was a chief named Francisco Dukey. He had been in various parts of Mexico and California, spoke Spanish fluently, and acted as our interpreter. There were three or four others who had lived for some time at Tucson, where they had picked up sufficient Spanish to make themselves understood.

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